

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4/4/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 36-42, respectively renumbered 1-7.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 May 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Pomeranke on 6/7/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claims 23-31 have been cancelled.
- Claims 36-42 have been amended as shown on the attached sheets.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- Regarding Claims 36 and 42,

The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a peripheral component or method for allowing multiple types of connections to be made to a peripheral component using a common receptacle in which connection type detection logic/devices determine if a connection type is a telephone dial-up modem, ISDN or Ethernet connection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory B. Sefcheck whose telephone number is 571-272-3098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on 571-272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Claims:

36. (Currently Amended) A peripheral component that allows telephone dial-up modem, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN), or ~~Local Area Network (LAN)~~ Ethernet connection to a host computing device via said peripheral component, said peripheral component comprising:

a receptacle having a plurality of electrical connecting lines, wherein at least one of said plurality of electrical connecting lines receives a signal used to detect more than one type of connection to be made directly to said receptacle;

connection type detection logic that allows determination ~~of if~~ if said connection ~~between type is telephone dial-up~~ modem, ISDN, and ~~LAN~~ Ethernet; and

switching logic adapted to couple appropriate ones of the electrical connecting lines to said connection type detection logic to allow detection ~~between~~ of telephone dial-up modem, ISDN, and ~~LAN~~ Ethernet connection types to the peripheral component.

37. (Currently Amended) A peripheral component as recited in Claim 36, wherein said ~~plurality of detection devices are~~ connection type detection logic is operable to detect the type of connection by a physical test.

38. (Currently Amended) A peripheral component as recited in Claim 36, wherein at ~~least one of said plurality of detection devices~~ said connection type detection logic uses a physical test that is different ~~from one another~~ for at least one connection type.

39. (Currently Amended) A peripheral component as recited in Claim 36, wherein at ~~least one of the plurality of detection devices~~ said connection type detection logic is operable to detect the at least one type of connection by detecting a voltage.

40. (Currently Amended) A peripheral component as recited in Claim 39, wherein at ~~least one of the plurality of detection devices~~ said connection type detection logic is operable to detect the at least one type of connection by detecting a current.

41. (Currently Amended) A peripheral component as recited in Claim 36, wherein at ~~least one of the plurality of detection devices~~ said connection type detection logic is operable to detect the at least one type of connection by detecting a current.

42. (Currently Amended) A method for allowing multiple types of connections to be made to a peripheral component using a common receptacle comprising:

switching appropriate electrical connecting lines of said peripheral component to electrically couple ~~an Local Area Network (LAN)~~ Ethernet detection device to said receptacle, wherein at least one of said electrical connecting lines is used to detect more than one type of connection made directly to said peripheral component;

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determining if said peripheral component is coupled to an LAN Ethernet connection;

switching appropriate electrical connecting lines of said peripheral component to electrically couple telephone dial-up modem detection logic to said receptacle;

determining if said peripheral component is coupled to a telephone dial-up modem connection;

switching appropriate electrical connecting lines of said peripheral component to electrically couple ISDN detection logic to said receptacle;

determining if said peripheral component is coupled to an ISDN connection; and

sending a signal to a host computer indicating a type of connection being made to said peripheral component, if any.